



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

December 2008

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: The National Indian Justice Center

Dec 3-5	"Meth" Crisis	Las Vegas, NV	www.nijc.org or call 707-597-9019
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Sponsor: Intertribal Agriculture Council

Dec 10-11	Indian Agriculture International Export Readiness Seminar (Advanced)	Las Vegas, NV	Nathan Notah, 406-259-3525 or notah@indianaglink.com
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Participants who attend the full training will be reimbursed their travel, meal and lodging expenses.

Sponsor: Climate Solutions

Jan 25-27	Harvesting Clean Energy	Billings, MT	http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/conference/index.html .
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Trainings and Workshops

Sponsor: The Grant Institute

Dec 10-12	Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	San Francisco, CA	888-824-4424 or go to www.thegrantinstitute.com .
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Sponsors: U.S.EPA and the California State Water Resources Control Board, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Water Environment Association, the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, and Local Governments for Sustainability.


Dec 16	Innovative Energy Management Workshop	Sacramento, CA	Cheryl McGovern, 415-972-3415 or mcgovern.cherl@epa.gov
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Registration is available online at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/energy-workshop/> and seating is limited.

Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center (NETC)


Dec, 3-4	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Writing the Perfect EA/FONSI or EIS	Washington, D.C.	206-762-1976 or www.nwetc.org
Dec. 9-10	Same as above	Denver, CO	See above
Jan 29-30	Same as above	Oakland, CA	See above
 Jan 21-23	Introduction to ArcGIS 9 and Environmental Applications of GIS	San Francisco, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/gis-403_01-09_sanfrancisco.htm

Registration: \$495 (*\$395 reduced tuition is available for Native American tribes; government employees; nonprofits; students; and NAEP, NEBC, NWAEP members). You may register via the links at the top or by calling the Northwest Environmental Training Center at 206-762-1976. *Please note, payment is not required at the time of registration. Payment is due 60 days following course completion. Also, some of these Web sites may have to be copied and pasted on your browser.

Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)


NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

 Jan 20-22	Source Reduction Strategies for Tribes	San Diego, CA	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or www.nau.edu/itep
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ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released its 2008-2009 training catalog. The catalog includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiatqp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiatqp.asp>

Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

 Dec 3-4	Meth Lab Hazard Assessment Training	Phoenix, AZ	Elaina Curley, 602-258-4822 or Brad Asbill, 918-453-5362
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ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. For more information, go to Web site: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov

**Sponsor: Arizona Cooperative Extension's Community Resource Development Program**

Jan 25-29	41st Annual Arizona Economic Development Course	Tucson, AZ	BobMcNichols@RezBuilders.com
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Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Environmental Education Grants

EPA requests proposals for Environmental Education Grants. This program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. \$3 million is expected to be available and up to 95 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 18. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>.



Sustainable Skylines Initiative

EPA requests proposals for the Sustainable Skylines Initiative (SSI). SSI supports community efforts to develop locally-led activities to help reduce emissions and promote sustainability with the goal of cleaner and healthier air. \$250K is expected to be available and up to 5 awards anticipated. Proposals are due December 17. For more information, contact Yvonne Johnson at Johnson.yvonnew@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html



Pollution Control Policy and Environmental Economic Data

EPA requests proposals for Research on the Design of Policies for Pollution Control Using Market Mechanisms, and Data Gathering for Dissertation and Early Career Research on the Pollution Control Aspects of Environmental Economics. \$1.2 million is expected to be available and up to 7 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 5. For more information, go to: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/webpages/GrantSolicitations.html>.



Clean Water Act (CWA)

The FY2009 CWA Section 319 - Tribal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted from October 30 to December 15. For more information, go to the EPA Tribal NPS website at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/tribal/>. The purpose of the NPS Control Program is to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed-based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results. To access the FY2009 CWA 319 - NPS application information, click on "Information Related to FY2009 Section 319 Funding" on the NPS website which will take you to another webpage with information on applying for base and competitive funding. If you have any questions about this funding availability announcement or the weblink, please contact Tiffany Eastman, U.S. EPA Region 9 Tribal NPS Program Coordinator (eastman.tiffany@epa.gov) or Audrey L. Johnson (johnson.audrey@epa.gov or 415-972-3431) or your Clean Water Act programs grants project officer.



Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

EPA will begin to accept request, from December 1 to January 31 for grants to supplement State and Tribal Response Programs. This notice provides guidance on eligibility for funding, use of funding, grant mechanisms and process for awarding funding, the allocation of system for distribution of funding, and terms and reports under these grants. EPA has consulted with state and tribal officials in developing this guidance. EPA will consider funding requests up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per state or tribe. Subject to the availability of funds, EPA regional personnel will be available to provide technical assistance to states and tribes as they apply for and carry out these grants. For more information contact <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

Student Design Competition for Sustainability

EPA requests proposals for the 6th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. This program supports science-based designs developed by interdisciplinary student teams that benefit people by improving their quality of life, promoting prosperity by developing local economies, and protecting the planet by conserving resources and minimizing pollution. P3 seeks to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability. Areas of interest include: Agriculture, Materials and Chemicals, Energy, Information Technology, Water, and the Built Environment. \$950K is expected to be available and up to 50 awards are anticipated. Responses due December 23. For more information, contact Cynthia Nolt-Helms at nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_p3.html

Environmental Fellowships for Undergraduate Students

EPA requests proposals for Greater Research Opportunities (GRO). GRO provides undergraduate fellowships in environmental fields of study. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Green Building Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Urban and Land Use Planning. \$930K is expected to be available and up to 20 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 11. For more information, contact Georgette Boddie at boddie.georgette@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_gro_undergrad.html.

Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Website at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

FY 2009 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice

EPA announced the availability of funds for the 2009 National Exchange Network Grant Program and is encouraging tribal governments to apply. Grants should be submitted to EPA no later than November 21, 2008. If submitting a paper copy, the original application package and two copies must be postmarked (or equivalent from an overnight carrier or courier service) no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time, November 21, 2008. The solicitation notice can be obtained from: www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork or from: www.exchangenetwork.net. Grant proposals should focus on these activities in relation to how they support Exchange Network priorities. In FY 2009, the highest priority activity is completion of regulatory and national system flows for data exchanges that will be established by the end of FY 2011. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pat Eklund, 415-972-3738.

Conferences, Workshops and Meetings

EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for conferences, workshops and/or meetings. Through this BAA, EPA seeks proposals for planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting conferences, workshops, and/or meetings that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Subject areas include, but are not limited to: Economics and sustainability; and air and global climate change. \$500K is

expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 9. For more information, contact Bernice Smith at smith.bernicel@epa.gov or go to: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, contact Jessica Counts-Arnold/R9/USEPA/US@EPA or 415-972-3288.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)



Water and Wastewater

USDA requests proposals for the Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program. This program supports projects that identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas, assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices, and improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. \$17 million is expected to be available and up to 12 awards are anticipated. Responses are due on December 31. For more information, contact Anita O'Brien at anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/tatg.htm>.



Solid Waste Management

USDA requests proposals for the Solid Waste Management Grant Program. This program supports projects that reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. \$3.4 million is expected to be available and up to 35 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 31. For more information, contact LaVonda Pernell at lavonda.fernell@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWVG.htm>

Sponsor: USDA Rural Development:

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWVG.htm>

Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:



Economic Development

The U.S. Department of Commerce requests proposals for Economic Development Assistance Grants in the following program areas: Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Proposals accepted through September 30, 2009. For more information, go to:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&opId=42952>.



Middle School Sustainability Challenge

The Siemens Foundation invites middle school students to participate in the We Can Change the World Challenge. Through this national sustainability education initiative, students are challenged to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements in their local communities. Awards include, but are not limited to, Savings Bonds, TV appearances, cameras, and travel. Responses are due on March 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.wecanchange.com/about-challenge/challenge-description/>.

Environmental School Grants - Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Association for Conservation and Environmental Education request proposals for the Kansas Green Schools Grant Program. This program is designed to encourage schools to develop environmental projects that improve the environment; make schools a healthier place to learn, play, and work; and save money through reduced use of resources. Grant projects must address air quality, climate change, solid waste reduction and recycling, or water management through an integrated holistic approach emphasizing public health or environment related issues. Individual awards NTE \$4.5K. Responses accepted through June 30, 2009. For more information, go to:

<http://www.kansasgreenschools.org>.

Projects on Tribal Lands

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy installations, and have demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands. To learn more about the Tribal Energy Program, or for additional information about a particular project, contact the [DOE project officer](#) or go to: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>.

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's web page.

http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm> or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or wverrill@water.ca.gov.

California Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest



California Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (CTHSGP)

CTHSGP is supported by a tribal association of 46 tribes throughout California. The proposed program is designed to promote the capacity of eligible tribes throughout California to address the three objectives of the program.

1. Measuring progress in achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines.
2. Strengthening improvised explosive device attack deterrence, prevention, detection and protection capabilities.
3. Strengthening preparedness planning.

The program implementation will be represented by the Inter-Tribal Council of California (ITCC). This network will provide the initial communications matrix for information dissemination and the eventual completion of a communication system designed specifically to maintain the intent of the CTHSGP. For more information, please contact Denise M. Banker, 916-826-6927 or denise.banker@ohs.ca.gov



California's Changing Climate

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have

already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to:

http://www.pplic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf



California's Water: A Legislative Analysis Office Primer

California's water delivery system is facing a series of challenges due in part to a combination of increasingly variable weather conditions, legal requirements, and system operation and conveyance constraints. These challenges affect water availability, reliability, and delivery. Recent public and private efforts have sought ways to address these challenges. These measures include proposals to increase water through groundwater storage, surface storage, infrastructure changes, and system operation improvements, among others. This report provides, through a "quick reference" document relying heavily on charts to present information, a snapshot of water in California. For more information, go to: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/rsr/water_primer/water_primer_102208.aspx

The main components of this report are:

- Overview of California's Water Governance.

- Water Supply, Source, and Delivery. Demand and Use of Water.

- How Do We Finance Water Projects?

- What Drives the Cost of Water?

- Issues for Legislative Consideration.

Nominations for the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC).

The NTWC will add three new Council members (one is a replacement for a member who left Tribal employment). The Council will add a water professional from Alaska, and two additional members with expertise in one or more of the following areas: mining impacts on water; groundwater issues; hydropower impacts on water quality, and water quality threats to Native health. If you would like to know more about the National Tribal Water Council, please visit their website: www.nationalwatercouncil.org.

Clean Water Act

The reference material for the Stormwater Workshop held by Region 9's Water Division on August 14 has been posted on the Web page: For more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal-CWA-workshop/#stormWater> or contact Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640 or email Murphy.ann@epa.gov

California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Climate Change

The emerging role of CEQA in addressing climate change and greenhouse gas emissions has been the subject of much discussion and debate in recent months. As part of its continuing service to professional planners, land use officials, and CEQA practitioners, OPR, in collaboration with the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board, is pleased to provide this new technical advisory containing informal guidance for public agencies as they address the issue of climate change in their CEQA documents. This technical advisory provides OPR's perspective on the issue and precedes the development of draft implementing regulations for CEQA, in accordance with Senate Bill 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007). View the OPR CEQA and Climate Change Technical Advisory by going to the following Web site: <http://opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=ceqa/index.html>.

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at www.NativeWorkplace.com. For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com

Link to Tribal Training Web site

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs. <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>

New Web Site for Tribes in Search of Clean Water Act (CWA) Training

EPA has launched a new web site (<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>) that contains all of the EPA-sponsored CWA training courses available to Indian tribes. The web site contains listings of face-to-face training courses and self-paced training for CWA programs, as well as links to other important resources and tools. EPA is working with Indian tribes to identify future training needs for CWA programs. Contact Vijay Limaye, 415-972-3442, limaye.vijay@epa.gov for more information.

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-related community or business projects. For more or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, Project Manager, Northwest SEED, at 206-267-2215 or leslie@nwseed.org

Emergency Preparedness

A press release was issued on September 16 on EPA's emergency preparedness audio files available for download on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/disaster/> The files address environmental challenges that commonly arise in a disaster such as addressing gas leaks, safely returning home, and purifying contaminated drinking water supplies.

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, has been published and is available online at: <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

2008 Report on the Environment (EPA 2008 ROE)

EPA 2008 ROE provides the American people with an important resource to understand trends in the conditions of the air, water, land, and human health of the United States. This report uses scientifically sound measures, called indicators, to address fundamental questions relevant to the EPA's mission to protect the environment and human health. To accomplish this mission, EPA must pay close attention to trends in the condition of the Nation's environment. This information is captured in this report and can help EPA prioritize its work and focus on human health and ecological activities that can lead to improvements in the conditions of the Nation's environment. For a more interactive experience, visit the ROE Indicators at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/roe>.

Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf or http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp so that money will not go to waste.

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new Web site is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

EPA Activities for Tribal outreach, review and comment

Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

In June 2007, EPA, IHS, USDA, HUD, and DOI signed two MOUs designed in part to assist tribes in improving quality of life through the delivery of quality infrastructure services in support of tribal housing and tribal communities, and to encourage parties to coordinate execution of existing drinking water and sanitation improvement programs in Indian country with a full understanding of each party's programs. The interagency Task Force established the Access Subgroup to develop an implementation plan that strives to reduce by 50

percent the number of homes lacking access to safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal by 2015. The implementation plan is under development, and subgroup representatives would be pleased to discuss with tribes, the scope and status of the recommended actions. For more information, contact: Elin Betanzo 202-564-1807 or betanzo.elin@epa.gov

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities

Environmental Water Coordinator

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for water quality regulatory compliance. This position does not have supervisory responsibilities. Employees working the Casino or Bowling Center may be exposed to second-hand smoke and moderate levels of noise. To get more information on job requirements, education and/or experience, please email Jeanne Jussila at jeannejussila@gmail.com

Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to www.ak-chin.nsn.us or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to www.nndpm.navajo.org or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs



GAP on Line links: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP-OnlineTribalUserGuide.pdf>
http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

www.energysavers.gov
<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>
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<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
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